

REMARKS

The office action mailed September 9, 2004 indicates that the List of Related Cases filed on December 4, 2003 does not fully comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(iii). However, Applicants respectfully submit that as evidenced by the enclosed date-stamped filing receipt, legible copies of those portions of the co-pending U.S. application which caused them to be listed in the List of Related Cases were filed on December 4, 2003.

As requested in the outstanding Office Action, additional copies of irrelevant portions of those co-pending U.S. applications as well as a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt were enclosed in our Response filed October 12, 2004. However, a copy of related application 09/384,797 was omitted from that Response, and is therefore enclosed herein.

Further, Applicants note that a response addressing the substance of issues in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 will be filed separately.

Respectfully submitted,

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